

DECISION SESSION - EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR HOUSING AND SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS

WEDNESDAY, 16 DECEMBER 2015

DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Decision Session of Executive Member for Housing and Safer Neighbourhoods held on Wednesday, 16 December 2015. The wording used does not necessarily reflect the actual wording that will appear in the minutes.

Members are reminded that, should they wish to call in a decision, notice must be given to Democracy Support Group no later than 4pm on the second working day after this meeting.

If you have any queries about any matters referred to in this decision sheet please contact Catherine Clarke and Louise Cook.

4. AMENDMENTS TO THE HOUSES IN MULTIPLE OCCUPATION (HMO) LICENSING PROGRAMME

Resolved: That option 1 be agreed and it be noted that:

- (i) the council would be starting its new 5 year phase of Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMO) licensing mandatory conditions in 2016, and it be agreed that
- (ii) a new licence condition relating to training be introduced and
- (iii) the licence process be amended as set out in the report including the introduction of penalties and incentives to ensure that licences are issued for the full period.

Reason: To improve the sector by ensuring that Houses of Multiple Occupation in York meet the necessary physical standards and are well managed.

5. PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE TENANCY AGREEMENT

Resolved: That option 2 be agreed, to allow consultation on the changes already agreed to the Tenancy Agreement and the proposed introduction of flexible tenancy start dates, a 52 week rent collection year and the introduction of the requirement to obtain formal permission to keep pets.

Reason: To allow a full consultation with all council tenants on the proposed changes to the tenancy agreement and for this to inform the final changes to be implemented from April 2016.

6. APPROVAL OF THE UPDATED ALLOCATIONS POLICY FOR CITY OF YORK COUNCILS GYPSY ROMA AND TRAVELLERS SITES

Resolved: That Option 1 be approved and the updated draft pitch allocations policy for City of York Council Gypsy Roma and Traveller sites and application form be implemented forthwith.

Reason: To ensure the council has an up to date policy which reflects the North Yorkshire Home Choice policy and meets the council's requirements regarding equalities. Approval of this policy will enable the council to allocate pitches to ensure the travelling community are treated in a fair and equal manner.